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Urban Land Institute New York Opens Nominations For First-Ever Awards for Excellence in Development

Diverse Panel Of Judges Includes Prominent New York Land Use Experts

NEW YORK, NY – The Urban Land Institute New York opened the application period today for its 2016 Awards for Excellence in Development, a new event recognizing exemplary land use projects that raise the bar for design, planning and sustainability. A distinguished panel of judges representing a cross-section of the industry will evaluate the projects.

The Urban Land Institute has long held its own Global Awards for Excellence, widely recognized as the most prestigious awards program in the development community. With this event, ULI New York will apply the same discerning eye to projects based in the New York area, a hotbed of activity in land use.

“As more Americans flock to cities as part of a global trend of urbanization, it has become singularly important for leaders in our field to demand creativity and holistic thinking when it comes to utilizing land,” said **Robert C. Lieber, Chairman of the Urban Land Institute New York**. “By identifying and recognizing projects that best exemplify that forward-thinking spirit, we can catalyze innovation that will enhance the quality of life in communities around New York.”

The awards ceremony, to be held on March 10, 2016, will recognize and celebrate public, private, and non-profit developments in the New York area. Award recipients will be comprised of eligible projects embodying “best-in-class” development across six awards categories:

- Excellence in Office Development
- Excellence in Housing Development
- Excellence in Institutional Development (includes public agency projects, hospitals, educational facilities, and cultural facilities)
- Excellence in Mixed-Use Development (two or more materially different uses)
- Excellence in Repositioning or Redevelopment
- Excellence in Civic Space (includes parks, open space, transportation infrastructure and public buildings)

Each project will be considered based on how well it demonstrates environmental sustainability, broad acceptance in the marketplace, innovation in planning and design, relevance to the current and future needs of its community, and a contribution to promoting land use for the betterment of the community, as well as whether it could serve as a model to be replicated in other communities. All submissions must have been completed, in whole or in part, on or after January 1, 2013.

“A great development today means more than just great design,” said **Paul Schulman, President and Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Office Division of Brookfield Property Partners, and a co-chair of the event**. “It means a project that blends seamlessly with and enhances its neighborhood,

and is environmentally conscious. I am thrilled to be working with the Urban Land Institute to help honor such projects, which I firmly believe will help lead our industry into the next generation.”

“This is an incredible opportunity to elevate the ideas and voices of trailblazers who are moving the industry forward,” **said Carl Galioto, Managing Principal of HOK, and a co-chair of the event.** “By recognizing those who are doing it right, we can also recognize new paths to achieve more effective, engaging and responsible developments that make our cities better places in which to live and work.”

Judges serving on the awards jury include some of the biggest names in New York real estate, finance, academia, government, and architecture. The panelists were chosen based on their commitment to responsible and inventive land use and proven ability to generate transformative change in the field.

Awards Jury:

- Jonathan F.P. Rose: President, Jonathan Rose Companies
- Marty Burger: Chief Executive Officer, Silverstein Properties, Inc.
- Veronica Hackett: Principal, The Clarett Group
- Gail Benjamin: Former Director, New York City Council Land Use Division
- Joanna Frank: Executive Director, Center for Active Design
- Marilyn Jordan Taylor: Dean and Paley Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Design
- Michael Franco: Executive Vice President – Chief Investment Officer, Vornado Realty Trust
- Cia Buckley Marakovits: Chief Investment Officer; Partner, Managing Director and Member of the Investment Committee, Dune Real Estate Partners
- Owen D. Thomas: CEO and Director, Boston Properties, Inc.

Submissions for the awards will be accepted until November 6 and finalists will be notified on December 21. For more information about the ULI New York Awards for Excellence in Development or to apply, please visit www.newyork.uli.org.

About the Urban Land Institute New York

ULI New York provides leadership in the responsible use of land and in the creation of sustainable, thriving communities. ULI New York promotes an open exchange of ideas, information, and experience among industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating better neighborhoods. ULI offers in-depth analysis of current land use issues and educates real estate professionals on the impact of land use policies on the City’s future. The organization also invests in the professional and personal development of the next generation of community and real estate industry leaders. ULI New York carries out, at the local level, the mission of ULI, a global non-profit headquartered in Washington D.C with more than 34,000 members worldwide.